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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 18 Oct 94 12:17:35 -0500
From: parickj4560@cobra.uni.edu
Subject: Anyone with a DX callbook! I need U!

I worked Z32JA this morning on 15 meters, (Macedonia) and is QSL route is via
YU5ETC. If anyone has the DX callbook and could e-mail the address of this
ham I would greatly appreciate it! This was my first European contact!

TNX ES 73's de N0ZYA

Date: 18 Oct 1994 18:40:32 GMT
From: kenman@iastate.edu (Kenneth D Anderson)
Subject: ARRL ORder Desk Problems?

In article <seeler.141.782494251@UPEI.CA> seeler@UPEI.CA (David Seeler) writes:
>I was wondering if any one else has had problems with the ARRL order desk
>in respect to phone orders. I have had problems the last two trys. Once I

Well a few months ago I ordered a publication over the phone (don't remember what now). Gave the person my credit card number, the person read my number back to me, everthing was correct. Four and a half weeks later I got a letter that said my credit card charge didn't go through because the number was wrong! I bought the book from "another vendor".

I have since purchased publications from the ARRL by mail order and usually have the material in about 2 weeks.

Ken

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Date: 18 Oct 1994 18:04:27 GMT
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Subject: ARRL ORder Desk Problems?

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[details of travails deleted]

|> Dave Seeler
|> Internet: Seeler@upe.i.ca

Maty Weinberg (maty@arrl.org) handled an email order for some back issues and article reprints from QEX for me quickly, courteously, and professionally. I was also able to find out via email which back issues of the ones I wanted were in fact available. The materials arrived in the mail about a week after our email exchange.

And, yes, the mail is pretty slow. One week either direction to/from my parents in South Carolina seems to be the norm.

Todd

Todd Nichols Bell Northern Research, Ottawa, Ontario (613) 765-3560
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KB0HQ/VE3 BNR didn't say it; I did

Date: 18 Oct 1994 18:47:54 GMT
From: md@pstc3.pstc.brown.edu (Michael P. Deignan)
Subject: ARRL to change "Silent Keys" label in QST?

With the popularity of the no-code license, its only a matter of time, if it hasn't occurred already, that a no-code tech will die and have his/her call listed in the QST "Silent Keys" column.

Clearly, we need some "Truth in Advertising". These hams can't be silent "keys", because most of them were probably too lazy to touch a key (or even know what a key is, for that matter...).

Therefore, I think its incumbent upon the ARRL to split the "Silent Keys" column into two sections: a "Silent Keys", for real hams that know what a key really is, and a "Silent PTTs" section, for the 2 meter good-buddy box users.

I urge all to write to the QST editor and encourage this course of action.

MD

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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car
-- than I have with my gun.
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Date: 18 Oct 1994 13:22 CDT
From: n5ljv@uh.edu (Brad Killebrew N5LJV)

Subject: Callsigns.

The following comments DO NOT reflect the ham population in general, rather just one individual that have the unfortunate luck of knowing.

This particular fellow is a no-code Tech who is still an avid CB'er. His "CB" rig is a modified Uniden 10 meter radio with a 500 watt amp. While this person loves to operate VHF and UHF repeaters, he also enjoys, rather frequently, moving his "CB" rig into the ham band and shooting DX.

What's wrong with this picture?

For starters, his amateur license does not authorize him to operate in the amateur 10 meter band. Second, if he DID have a Tech Plus, he would still be illegal because of his 500 watt amplifier. Third, he is operating illegally on the CB band as well -- the 500 watt amp again, plus the modified 10 meter radio.

Now before all the no-code Techs start flaming me, I am not, in any form, throwing stones. I am simply bringing a topic up for discussion.

Here's the topic:

Now that the FCC has their new computer online, the FCC should program their computer to issue DIFFERENT class callsigns to EACH license class. I believe that if this particular ham that I mentioned above would have a class-distinctive callsign, other hams would know that he is not authorized on those frequencies. This problem is also compounded because in most call districts, Technicians and Generals are assigned Novice calls because 1x3 N-calls are gone.

Since there is such a large pool of amateur callsigns that are available for issueing, I don't think it would be a problem. The only hurdle would be getting the FCC to agree on this issue and impliment the plan.

What do you guys think? Have you ran into the same problem that I have? I think with some planning, some backing by the ARRL, and some letter writing, this idea could become reality.

cc: ARRL HQ

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Date: 17 Oct 1994 20:30:50 -0400
From: k1zat@booz.bah.com (J. D. Delancy)
Subject: Ham Tests in MD/NoVA/DC area?

David Albert (dalbert@pbs.org) wrote:
: I would like to take my No-Code Tech test....does anyone know of tests being
: given in the Washington DC., Suburban MD or VA area?
: Thanks!

The Bryantown-Zekiah Swamp VE group (ARRL VEC) has one
scheduled for the 20th of November in White Plains MD
(just south of Waldorf in Charles County).

You might also check with the Maryland Radio Center in Laurel; I think
they are W5YI VEC and give them on the third Saturday of each month.
There phone number from DC metro is 301-725-1212 (ask for Jerry).

jd

Date: Tue, 18 Oct 1994 16:24:19 +0000
From: Mike@g4kfk.demon.co.uk (Mike Gathergood)
Subject: Help GP161B

Hi Johnny,

> Hello GP161B users,
>
> Can anybody tell me, hoe I can download (get, bget or ?) a program
> with GP161B?
> What are the commands or icons I have to use?
> For example, I want to download the file "GP161B.ZIP" from a BBS
> How do I start?
>
> Johnny van Mourik
> NL1JVM

I didn't know there was a GP161B. You can download GP161.ARJ from file
area 2 of the BBS listed below.

73
Mike
G4KFK

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Date: Tue, 18 Oct 1994 16:21:03 +0000
From: Mike@g4kfk.demon.co.uk (Mike Gathergood)
Subject: Kindness and ham radio

Hi All,

> Just a mere 6 years ago, saying "monitoring" would usually get a
> response. Now, it usually doesn't. I live in Ohio, and there exists a
> wide area repeater "system" that spans from Cleveland on down into
> Kentucky and over into Indiana. A few times, whenever I get a chance to
> be in my car for more than a couple of minutes, I will announce that I am
> "monitoring". I have yet to get a response.
> What is it all coming to?

If it's any consolation, it's just as bad in Europe. Last week I drove
from my office in London to the Head Office in Paris during a humungous
lift on both 2m and 70cm. In spite of the excellent conditions, I wasn't
able to work anybody due to the appalling manners of a collection of
non-mobile G, F, PA, PE, PI, ON and DL hams working through the repeaters,
and (I kid you not) agreeing to exchange QSL cards!!

Us mobiles (whom, I thought, the repeaters were actually meant for) didn't
get a look in!

A special LID of the year award to Monique, F1*** Monique, if you're
reading this, did it occur to you to actually listen on the input for
all those rare DX stations that you thought you were working?

73
Mike
G4KFK

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Date: 18 Oct 1994 17:28:59 GMT
From: dgontz@po-box.esu.edu (Douglas Gontz)
Subject: MFJ Versa Tuner III Woes

Hello all

I have an MFJ Versa Tuner III that I've had for about two years but have only recently had the opportunity to use and I've run into what I consider a serious problem.

This weekend some friends came up and we put up a 160M half wave dipole. This is the first dipole ever really connected to the MFJ. I also am using an Ameritron ALS600 amplifier with the tuner. The amp is rated at no more than 800 watts peak -- which is roughly half the power rating of the tuner.

After testing everything out, I started to use the station. Everything worked for about two hours. Then I started having trouble tuning on 160M and 75M. I noticed I could see bright flashes behind dials on the tuner. Finally, the tuner just quit and I wasn't even able to receive with the tuner switched in.

Upon opening the tuner, I immediately saw the problem. There is a small bundle of wires run from the rear connectors to a circuit board at the front of the tuner. The wire bundle was run right snug against the inductor coil. The point where the wire went snug had a nice black burn area. I inspected the wire and it seems nothing is actually burned through. I just put a nylon spacer between the wire bundle and the inductor and things seems to be working okay again.

Has anyone else experienced anything like this? Could it be my MFJ tuner was built improperly? Is it possible that the Ameritron is too much load for the tuner even though it is rated at 1500 watts? My friends suggested that perhaps the problem was because the antenna mismatch caused the voltages to go to high inside the tuner. I think that's why you buy a tuner in the first place and the real problem is the design that ran that wire bundle next to the inductor.

Any comments, suggestions or hints are welcome. Especially since this is the first time I've been able to work anything other than 10M and 12M.

=== Douglas -- n3jxb
dgontz@po-box.esu.edu

Date: Tue, 18 Oct 1994 13:03:50 GMT
From: tja@netcom.com (T.J. Alessi)
Subject: Passed Tech+ -- the fun begins...

Approach maximum loads with caution (dmunroe@vcd.hp.com) wrote:
: I passed my exam for Tech+ yesterday!

That's GREAT! I hope you have fun with you new license. Now the WAIT begins!

Tom

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-----[T.J. Alessi - WB1L]-----
T.J. Alessi & Associates * PO Box 16781 * Stamford, CT 06905 * 1.203.969.1880
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Date: 18 Oct 1994 18:06:48 GMT
From: gbrown@unlinfo.unl.edu (gregory brown)
Subject: Q-Codes .. any hints to learn them ?

Andreas D. Preissig (andreas@sanix.ruhr.de) wrote:
: I'm judy trying to make my licence here in Germany...

: Can anybody pls help me out with some good hints/tricks how to memorize
: these Codes

: Any help would be appreciated ...

: thnx

: Andreas

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: Andreas D. Preissig * Westfalenstr. 2 * 58455 Witten * Deutschland
: Tel : + 49 - 2302 - 12806 * andreas@sanix.ruhr.de
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Are the Q codes required for the test in Germany? If not, the best way is to keep a list of the most common ones at your operating position to refer to as you operate. Repetition is the best way to remember anything. Otherwise, try to invent little memory tricks that work for you. Good luck!

Greg WB0RTK

Date: Mon, 17 Oct 94 15:21:44 EDT
From: Steve Cutway VE3GRS <CUTWAYS@QUCDN.QUEENSU.CA>
Subject: RAC NEWS BULLETIN 08-94 - 15 OCTOBER 1994

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Hi folks:

Below is the October RAC News Bulletin. Please note the Editor's new e-mail address: <CAM.INGLIS@KOSONE.COM>

73,

Steve VE3GRS

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ELECTION of RAC Board of Directors for 1995

From Ken Pulfer VE3PU

The RAC Election committee consisting of Eric Ilott VE3XE, Clayton Bannister VE3LYN, and Ken Pulfer VE3PU, met in Kingston on September 14th. Nominations of candidates for the RAC Board of Directors have now been received and validated. The situation for the seven regions is as follows.

Pacific: Two nominations were received for the Pacific Region, but one was subsequently withdrawn. As a result, Dennis Livesey VE7DK, from Delta BC is unopposed and has been declared elected by acclamation.

Alberta/NWT: Ken Oelke VE6AF0, from Calgary the current Board member for Alberta/NWT, has been renominated and is unopposed. He has been declared elected by acclamation.

Midwest: Two candidates have been nominated for the Midwest region, Bob Shehyn VE5FY, current member of the Board from Moose Jaw Saskatchewan, will be opposed by Dave Panting VE4EF from Winnipeg Manitoba. Ballots have been mailed to RAC members in the Midwest region.

Ontario North: There are three candidates competing for the position of Board Member from Ontario North. Bob Bishop VE3JAB, current Board member from Thunder Bay, will be opposed by John Connor VE3TG from Nepean and Ron Walsh VE3IDW from Kingston. Ballots have been mailed to RAC members in Ontario North

Ontario South: J. Fergus Kyle VE3LV0, of Burlington Ontario, is running unopposed in Southern Ontario. He has been declared elected by acclamation.

Quebec: Pierre Roger VE2TQS, current member of the Board from Montreal, has been nominated and is unopposed in the Quebec Region. He has been declared elected by acclamation.

Atlantic: No nominations were received from the Atlantic Region before the September 1 deadline. In accordance with the constitution, nominations have been reopened, with a deadline date of December 1, 1994.

All members from the Atlantic Region are hereby notified that nominations of candidates for the position of RAC Director (Atlantic) will be accepted until the revised closing date of December 1 1994.

Except for the Atlantic Region, all ballots must be received by the Secretary of RAC before noon, November 18th 1994. The results will be announced in December, and the new members of the Board will assume their responsibilities on January 1, 1995.

Hams hope for peace between Jordan and Israel

According to HaGAL International - Israel Ham News, peace between Jordan and Israel is only months away. King Hussein JY1 of Jordan, has been quoted in the press as having said that a full peace between the countries will be signed by the end of 1994.

Telecommunications ties have been made between the two countries and you can now phone directly. Jordanian hams have also been heard on the Yatir (145.325 MHz) repeater in Israel. They seem genuinely anxious for cross-border contacts. They are also setting up more repeaters in Jordan. There are now 11 VHF repeaters and 4 UHF machines. The Jordanians are also expressing interest in Packet radio.

Ham News reporter Ron Gang 4X1MK describes the QSO's with Jordanian Hams as "heart-warming". "A real good feeling comes across that our partners to the East are just as enthusiastic about this peace as we are," he continues. "The Hams there exude friendliness and warmth. There's hardly anything better than making new friendships! Ya Salaam!"

Nobody knows the official opinion of the Jordanian government on these cross-border contacts so the names of Jordanian Hams were not published in the article, just in case.

Coming soon to an orbit near you

The opening shots in the next revolution in marine communications are about to be fired. The battleground will be space, and the rebels' weapons will be communications satellites. That's according to a special report appearing in September 1994, Sail magazine.

As early as this time next year, according to the report, mariners should be able to bring aboard pocket-size message transceivers that can send and receive data anywhere on earth and portable telephones that make voice connections up to 200 miles off the US coast. In 10 years the old guard - VHF, SSB, Ham, ERIRB - could be systems of the past the report says.

Relatively low cost satellites and land systems, combined with compact, efficient radio hardware and software are credited with driving the changes.

FM mode Amateur satellites

Of the 18 available Amateur satellites presently in orbit, four offer, at various times, transponders for general use. Two of these, AO-21 and AO-27 operate on 2m and 70cm. Being low earth orbit satellites, both are overhead for short periods, usually ten to fifteen minutes per pass. There are about six passes per day, three morning to mid-day and three at night.

OSCAR-21, or AO-21 has a unique repeater that lets you input on 435.016 and output on 145.987. To copy tune 145.990 or 145.985. When you listen for AO-21 you will soon notice that at the first part of the pass you can hear it better on 145.990, then as the pass progresses hear it better on 145.985. All you need to listen is a rubber-duckie equipped handheld.

This quick introduction to AMSAT was condensed from a more complete article written by Art Rae VA3RAE, in the Windsor Border City Radio Club Newsletter.

HF Band Planning Committee
From Pat Doherty VA3GD

The Committee now has four representatives from three regions. Representatives are still needed for Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario South and Pacific. RAC elections are now taking place and three of the areas will have new directors. If any person in the above areas has an interest in being the HF Band Planning Representative please forward a resume of Amateur activities and interests to:

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HF Band Planning Coordinator
RR#1-10035 John Street Road
Murillo, Ontario P0T 2G0
Phone (807) 935-2253
Fax (807) 935-2134
E-Mail: pat.doherty@oln.com
Packet: VA3GD@VE3TKA.#NON.On.CAN.NA

Upon receipt of your resume the respective RAC director will be contacted for comment and approval. You will receive a reply as soon as possible.

Canadian Amateurs in the respective areas where there are appointed representatives should direct any comments on HF band planning to one of the persons listed here. Please take the time to express your thoughts about the future of the HF bands.

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Antenna nightmares

There is a story in the Chilliwack Amateur Radio Club Bulletin about a Vancouver Amateur who learned the hard way how tough it can be to get an antenna erected in some communities. His plan was to erect a tower sufficient to support a 20 foot dish for EME (earth-moon-earth) communications. He ran into local requirements for a building permit if the antenna was higher than six feet above the ground. The building standards he was required to meet resulted in the construction of two concrete pads one 10'x10'x6' and the other 8'x8'x6' to support his tower.

1,000 DXCC countries?
From Algoma Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

Don't jump out the window yet, but John Naisbitt, one of the world's leading trend forecasters, has predicted that from today's roughly 200 independent countries (not counting ARRL's rocks, shoals and reefs), the world will have an increase to 300 countries by the turn of the century. During the 21st century this is expected to increase to 1,000. This will result, Naisbitt predicts, because of increased nationalism and tribalism around the world. Canada's Quebec could well be a future example.

How about getting on the DXCC Honour Roll when you will have 950 or more confirmed countries to qualify?

RAC First National Convention trivia
From Calgary Amateur Radio Association Key Klix

Attendance at the RAC first national convention in Calgary this past July appears to have topped 1,000. Those who travelled farthest included Edward Leppard VE1AYY from Halifax County, NS and Michael Morrison VY2C0 from Charlottetown, PEI. The youngest Ham who registered was eight year old Alex Vogrinetz VE6YIC from Lamont, AB. The oldest to register was Bill Savage

VE6EO from Lethbridge, AB at 86. Bill Kennamer K5FUV from ARRL DXCC desk checked 5,400 cards. That apparently topped the Dayton Hamvention this year.

The Friday evening wine and cheese party was attended by 407 people. There were 30 seminars. The RAC Forum drew 450 people. The Annual General Meeting was the largest in the history of any Canadian Amateur Radio national organization with more than 300 in attendance. The Saturday evening banquet was attended by 356 people. The BBQ was just short of that with 326 people attending.

Victoria BC repeater 25th Anniversary

The Victoria Short Wave Club will celebrate their 65th Anniversary with a special dinner at the Masonic Conference Hall on November 26, 1994. This is also the 25th anniversary year for the Victoria repeater.

Montreal repeater sold

The VE2RED repeater has been sold to the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. It was purchased from the Montreal Repeater Organization. VE2RED is said to provide excellent coverage and there is discussion concerning possible future linking to VE2BG. The deal was completed on September 1.

FCC denies morse code exemption for over-65s From the ARRL Letter

The FCC in the US has denied a petition that proposed exemptions from Morse code exams for people age 65 and older.

Guy A. Matzinger KB7PNQ, of Cheney, Washington argued in his petition that old age results in diminished faculties, and equated those people 65 and older with the severely disabled in terms of passing a CW exam. He proposed the exemption for speeds above 5 wpm.

The FCC said that similar petitions had been denied in the past, because the current Amateur Radio license structure is based on "the desire of the amateur service community," gleaned from thousands of comments on previous petitions. The Commission also noted that its rules already provide for Morse code exemptions for certain recognized disabilities.

Upcoming events we've heard about...

October 22. The Greenwood Amateur Radio Club Fleamarket, Greenwood Community Centre, Church Street, Greenwood, Nova Scotia. Information line (902) 756-4660.

November 12. The Newmarket Hamfest, Huron Heights Secondary School, Newmarket, Ontario. For information write to the York Region Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 28590, Aurora L4G 6S6.

November 26. The Victoria Short Wave Club will celebrate its 65th Anniversary. There will be a banquet on November 26, which past and present members and their spouses are invited to attend. Information line (604) 474-1939 or (604)478-9650.

Special Events Station VF7L

The Fraser Valley Amateur Radio Association will be operating a special event station VF7L from Fort Langley on November 19, 20 and 21, 1994. This event commemorates the 136th Anniversary of the proclamation read by Sir James Douglas at Fort Langley on November 19, 1858 creating the Colony of British Columbia.

Station VF7L will operate on 20, 15 and 10 meters from 1700Z to 2300Z over the three days. A special certificate will be available. Send a 9"x12" SASE and \$1.00 to cover postage to:

Fraser Valley Amateur Radio Association
P.O. Box 50
Fort Langley, BC, V1M 2S6.

Upcoming in your November TCA

The November issue of The Canadian Amateur includes important information on how you can help fight EMCAB-2. This is the Industry Canada document that has the potential to force amateurs to power down or cease operation because of the lack of immunity standards in nearby entertainment equipment. This is the most serious threat facing amateur radio in Canada today and deserves your full attention and action.

Also, in the November TCA, there is more coverage of the RAC Convention in July, a request for nominees to the Canadian Amateur Hall of Fame, some thoughtful suggestions by Ken Oelke VE6AF0, guidelines for contributors to TCA, results of the 1994 Canada Day Contest, a report on the Singapore IARU Conference from Tom Atkins VE3CDM, a product review of the Ham Log application software, more tips for the shack from Frank Merritt VE7FPM, plus Letters, Silent Keys, the Swap Shop, propagation forecasts, and regular columns.

73 de VA3RAC Steve VE3GRS at the keyboard <CUTWAYS@QUCDN.QUEENSU.CA>

Date: Tue, 18 Oct 1994 16:26:14 +0000
From: Mike@g4kfk.demon.co.uk (Mike Gathergood)
Subject: Wanted- Yaesu 5200 Mods

Hi Bill,

> Hi Gang, just bought a Yaesu 5200 to put on my motorcycle. I did this mainly
> because of the remotability of the head.. otherwise would have used my Icom
> dualy.
> I would like to modify the rig for extended Xmit/Rcv into the MARS freq's and
> to be able to listen to out of band as well. This prompted me to wonder if
> there is a FAQ that has unlisted features or other mods that are known and
> easy to do.

You'll find the info you're looking for in FT5200.ARJ, which can be
downloaded from file area 14 of the BBS listed below. The number from
your side of the pond is 011-44-753-595468 or 011-44-753-593524.

73
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Date: Tue, 18 Oct 1994 16:13:41 +0000
From: Mike@g4kfk.demon.co.uk (Mike Gathergood)
Subject: Want to buy crystal controlled 2M rigs. Help!

Hi Daniel,

> if you own one of the following, please consider selling it
> here. Thanks. E-mail me please.
>
> YAESU FT-221
>
> 5. Expected price, please nothing more than \$70 tops. For
> US Air, the cost is usually \$35 or so. I am hoping to
> keep the total cost to about US\$100 so I'd appreciate
> if you can make this cheap for us. We're not allowed to
> use synthesized sets or to own them. Most of the newer
> hams are students. You can keep the crystals if you wish

> but leave in one pair for testing purposes.

Is this a misprint of FT-223?

The FT-221 is a synthesised multimode rig. Current secondhand value on the UK market is about 200 to 300 pounds (US\$ 300 to 450) depending on condition.

73
Mike
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Date: Tue, 18 Oct 1994 16:30:18 +0000
From: Mike@g4kfk.demon.co.uk (Mike Gathergood)
Subject: Where do I get a license?

Hello! You got a name?

> Where do I get a license??

It depends on what country you're in!

If your lucky enough to live in the UK, you can download a file called HAM-FAQ.TXT from the BBS listed below which will tell you everything you need to know.

If you're one of these poor unfortunates from one of those dreadful foreign countries, let me know which one as I may yet be able to help.

Cheers
Mike

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Date: Tue, 18 Oct 1994 17:31:58 GMT
From: junger@rsg1.er.usgs.gov (John Unger)
Subject: Which is harder ADVANCED OR EXTRA TEST?

In article <37uv1p\$gt5@mark.ucdavis.edu>,
Jeff Hall <szhall@chip.ucdavis.edu> wrote:
> Whats your opinon? Is the written Advanced class or Extra class exam
> harder? I am just asking about the written test not the code..thanks..Jeff
>

The Advanced written test is probably harder to study for because you have to learn more electronic theory rather than memorize who can launch satellites... However, neither of these present-day written exams is nearly as difficult as the General written exam that I took 18 years ago; you had to draw schematics for common circuits, and the questions and answers weren't "canned" like today's exams.

73 - John, W3GOI

Date: Tue, 18 Oct 1994 16:35:15 +0000
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<Cxt1FJ.Kpo@news.Hawaii.Edu>
Reply-To: Mike@g4kfk.demon.co.uk
Subject: Re: Earth Ground (was: ARRL And Gay Hams Settle Complaint)

Hi Jeff,

> Just as some of us will always be nauseated by the acts of child
> molesters and those who commit bestiality, so it is with gays.
> And I believe that sodomy is still illegal in some states. According
> to our campus newspaper sodomy among the gays in the restrooms on
> campus is rampant.
>
> Homophobic? Hardly, since I have no fear of the estimated 2%; try
> homo-disgusted.

The question is, what do LARC do during Jamboree on the Air :-)

73
Mike
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BTW, are there really as many as 2%? It's about time we brought back flogging!

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